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#### Previously in **Spawn**:

Al Simmons was a hit man for the US government until his C.O. Jason Wynn, betrayed him and a mysterious assassin ended Al's life. At the moment of death, Al was offered a deal by the demon Malebolgia and returned to Earth as **Spawn**, a creature with supernatural powers born in Hell.

As Armageddon consumed the world, **Spawn** turned against his masters, destroying all life on Earth. While God and Satan continue their endless conflict in a parallel universe, **Spawn** has re-created the world and resurrected the human race in what has become known as the White Light. The portals to Heaven and Hell are closed, leaving humanity free from the influence of angels and demons. Or so he believed...

After a reunion with his brother, Richard, Al's long-buried memories have re-surfaced. It seems that the mysterious Mammon has been manipulating the Simmons bloodline for generations.

As Mammon draws the threads of his plot together, **Spawn** is attacked by a Vrykolakas, the ancient precursor of the Vampire. Its bite infects him and Al falls into a fever dream, where he battles against the will of his increasingly powerful symbiotic costume. When the costume tries to force him to kill his beloved Wanda, Al is literally torn apart as he rejects the costume.

#### Last issue:

Al and Wanda arrive on the island of Limbo, somewhere between Earth and the Afterlife. Cyan, led by a vision of Granny Blake, has brought the Wiccan, Nyx, to meet them. After the costume re-appears and bonds with Nyx, Mammon reveals himself as the master of Limbo. At last, he unveils the ultimate plan he has been hatching. For centuries he was the herald of Hell on Earth, searching out candidates to become Hellspawn. But all the while he was planning to breed the ultimate Hellspawn, who would rule the Earth at his side. It was he who brought the bloodlines of Al Simmons and Wanda Blake together to create an unholy child – the child that Al and Wanda believed had been miscarried before birth.

That child did not die. She was raised by Mammon and the Vrykolakas. Her name is Morana and now, on her eighteenth birthday, she is undergoing a rite that involves bathing in the blood of fifty freshly slaughtered virgins...

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"Then Morana bathed in the blood of the innocent."



"Their bodies defiled."



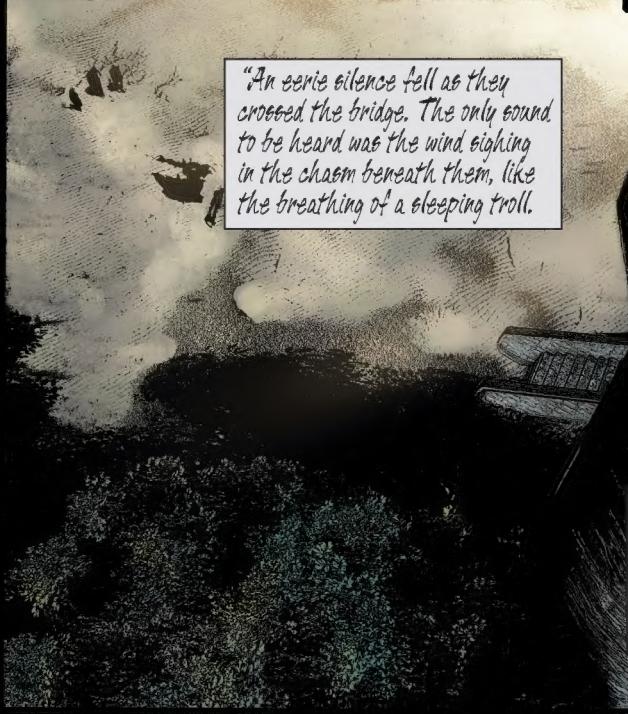
"Their throats ripped open.  
Their veins slashed."

"And from this monstrous act of murder..."

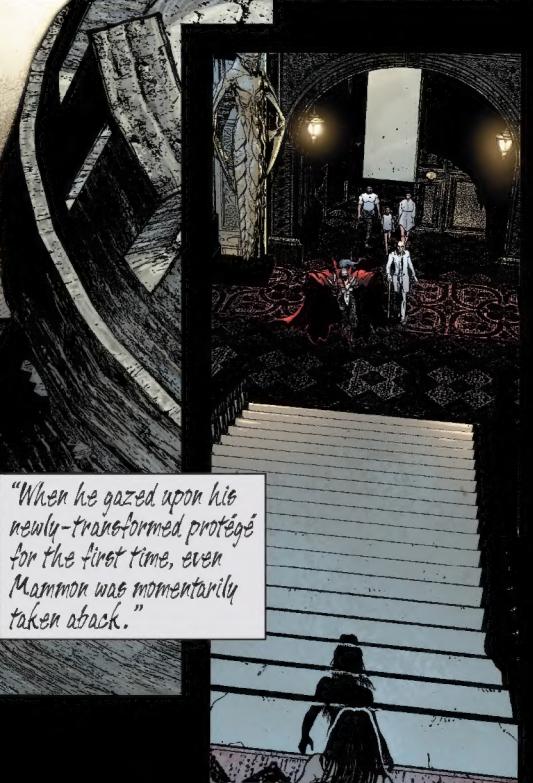


"...the Beast was transformed..."  
FROM THE THIRD TESTAMENT OF  
THE BOOK OF THE DEAD





"An eerie silence fell as they crossed the bridge. The only sound to be heard was the wind sighing in the chasm beneath them, like the breathing of a sleeping troll."



"When he gazed upon his newly-transformed protégé for the first time, even Mammom was momentarily taken aback."







COME  
TO  
ME.

"The symbiotic costume responded, as  
if it recognized its true soul mate."

"One whose  
hunger was as  
great as its own."

YOU WERE  
RIGHT. I WAS  
DESTINED TO WEAR  
THIS--JUST LIKE MY  
OWN SKIN.





I FEEL  
THE **POWER!**

LOOK AT  
HER SIMMONS!

THIS IS A  
TRUE  
HELLSPAWN!

NO  
LIMITS!

NO  
CON-  
STRAINTS!

"Then Morana unleashed her newfound power, bending the costume to her will, as she fashioned new constructs from the Hellborn necroplasm. Her body became a weapon that tore away the fabric of the castle around her."



"Sending her heart soaring with the joy of such savage destruction."



"From that moment, she knew nothing could stand in her path."

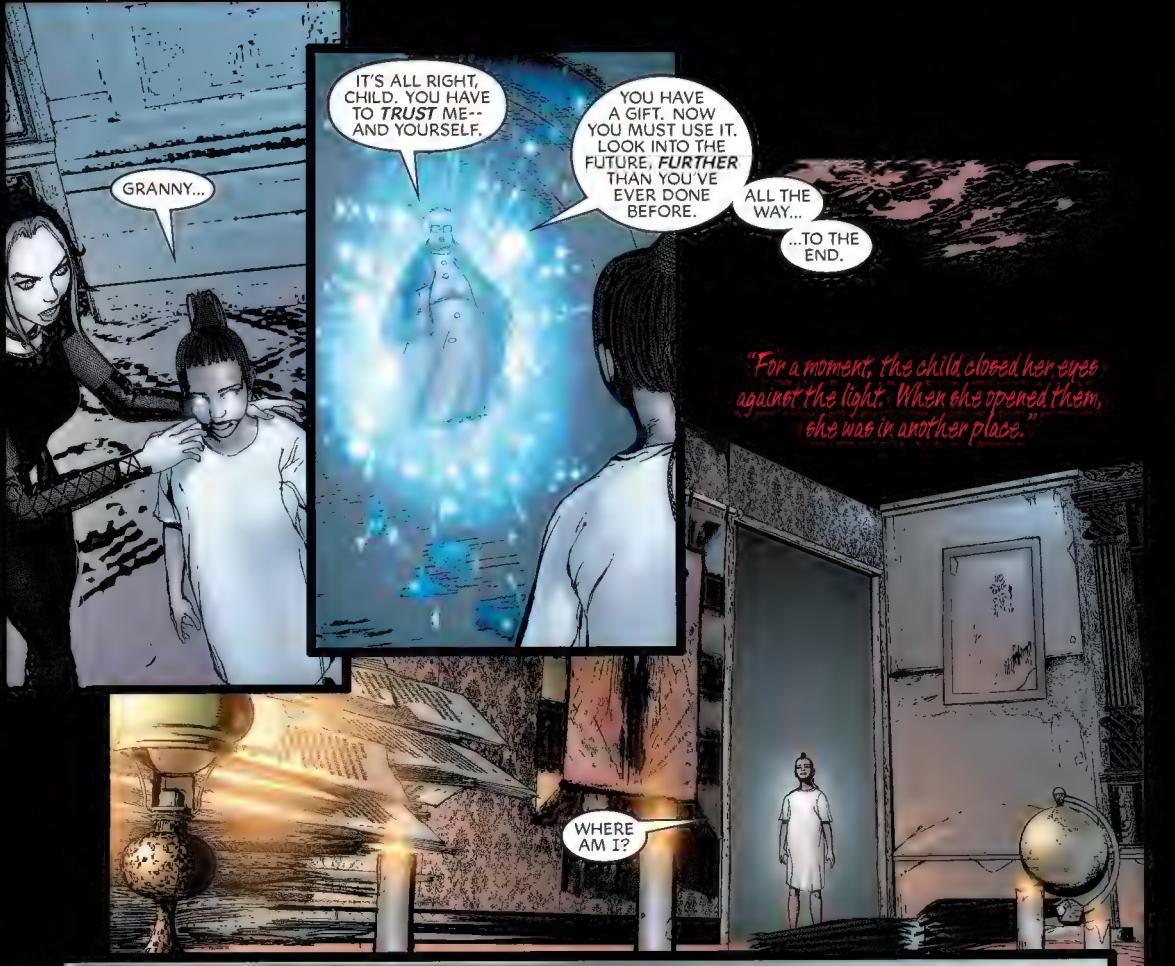


*"At her words the very foundations of Limbo began to quake and on Earth, every man, woman and child felt an inexplicable chill in their heart."*





"Cyan no longer heard Nix's voice. Nor did she feel Nix's hand on her shoulder."



HOW DID YOU GET IN...

OH! IT'S YOU.





DON'T WORRY.

I'VE LIVED  
A LONG LIFE AND  
IT'S BEEN A  
GOOD ONE...

MOST  
OF IT.

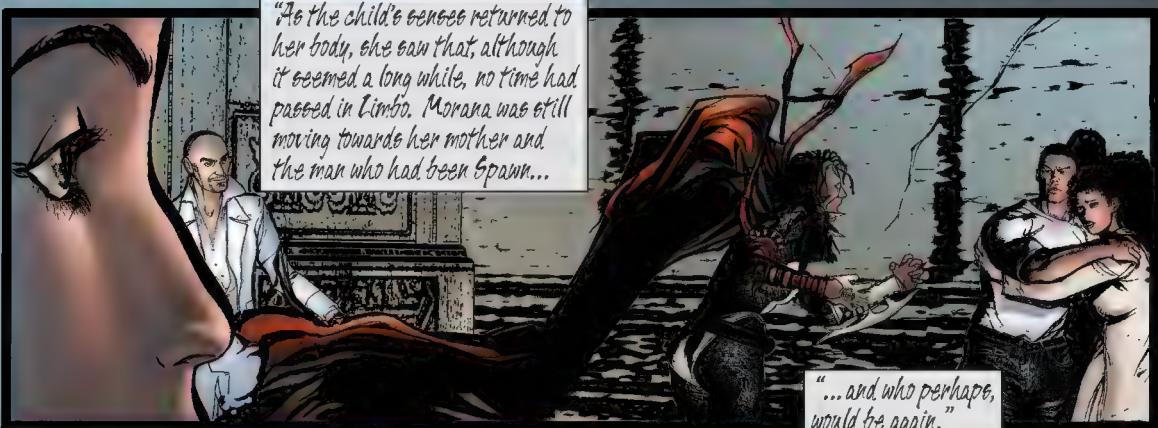
THE  
ONLY THING  
I REGRET IS  
HAVING NEVER  
FINISHED THIS  
DAMNED  
BOOK.

NO,  
DEAR.  
BEST  
NOT.

THE WORLD  
HAS CHANGED.  
I DON'T THINK  
YOU'D WANT TO  
SEE WHAT'S OUT  
THERE.

CAN I  
LOOK  
AT IT?





AL!

WHAT'S  
MAMMON  
FORGOTTEN?  
THERE HAS  
TO BE SOMETHING!

THE ONE  
THING ABOUT  
SPAWN THAT  
HE CAN'T  
CONTROL?

THE...  
LEGION.

THEN  
CALL  
THEM!  
BRING 'EM  
BACK!

THEY'RE  
GONE. AFTER  
THE WHITE  
LIGHT, THEY  
LEFT...

DAMMIT!  
CALL THEM  
NOW!

DO  
IT!



"Once again he heard the voices in his head. He jerked and twisted as a dozen minds tried to take control of his body at once."



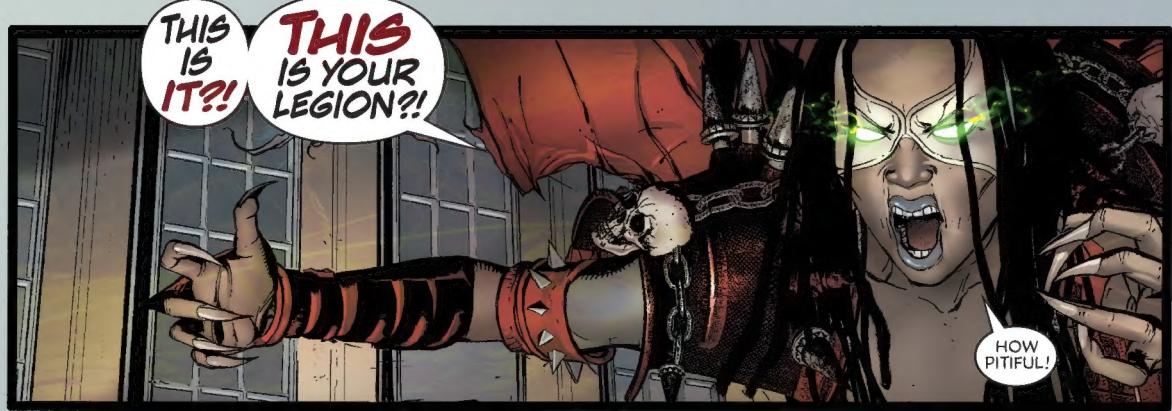
"And they came, the souls of those who had died during the same hour as Al Simmons. First Christopher, the tragic child who had died in his mother's arms.

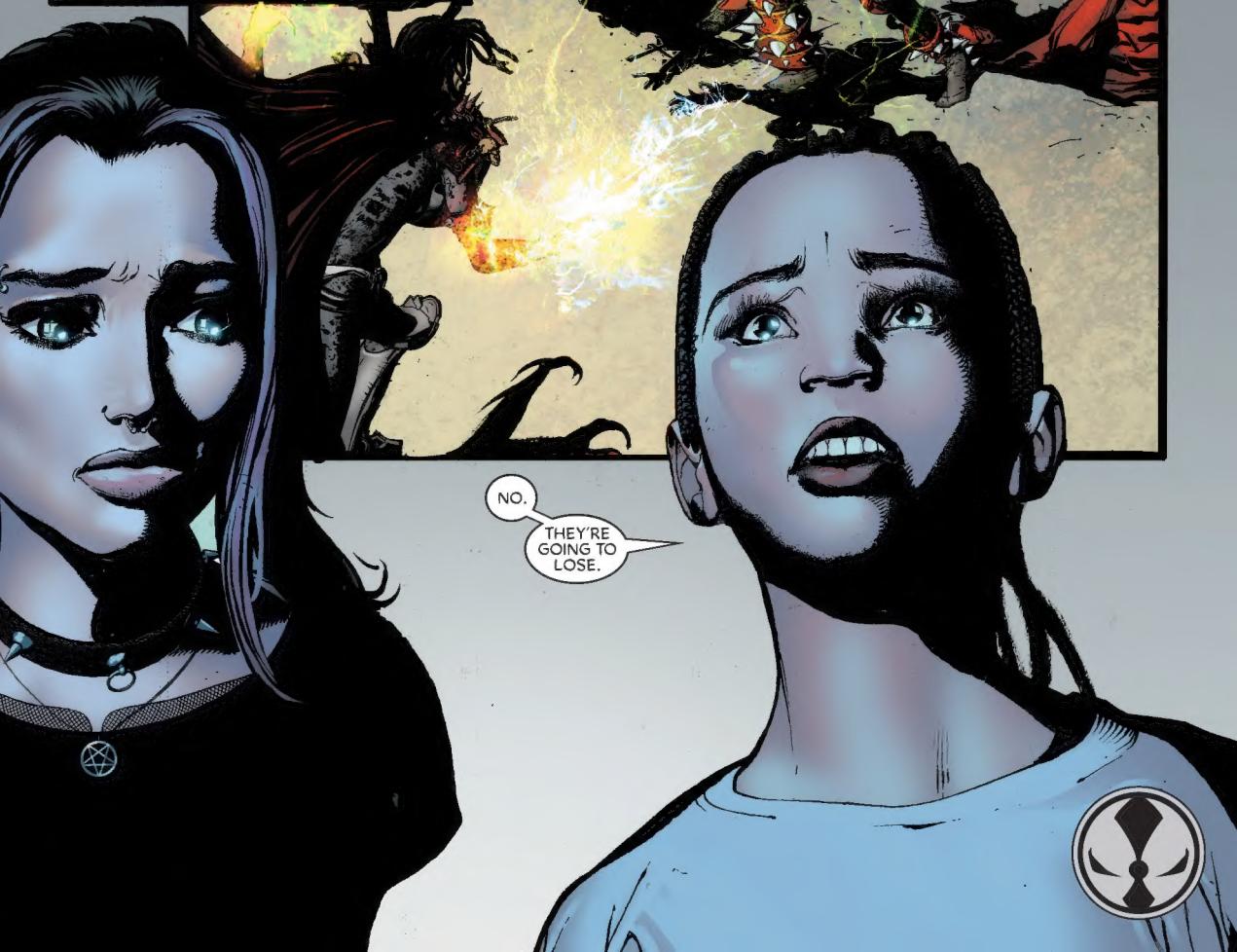
"Then Kumiko Kitamura and her grandfather, Hiroshi—the Zombie slayers—

"One by one, the legion appeared.



"...now there were less than a dozen."







Tyrant  
Lizard  
King

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